

'Alberni Valley CRC: making disciples who make disciples who make ...'



Sunday March 1, 2020

Welcome! Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a season for prayer and preparation for the joy of encountering resurrected Jesus on Easter morning. We scrub away frothy spirituality by calling us to say no to ourselves to make room for God. It is somber, but Lent has regular breaks - every Sunday is a mini-Easter. The resurrection of Jesus breaks in! We will live in this tension for coming Sundays: somber and joyful, preparing for Jesus and already resting joyfully in his presence.

Messy People, Merciful God. The book of Judges is our guide through this season. We will meet a lot of messy people entangled in stories that are left out of most children's Bibles. Even more, we will encounter our merciful God who never breaks his promise to be our God. You are invited into these stories, being honest with ourselves about our messes. You are invited into the stories by joining an activity for all of us. Each week you will have opportunity to add to the panels at the front of the church a piece of junk from the material provided. Each piece helps us to understand and enter the story - both the mess and the mercy.

Call to Worship *from Joshua 2 (pg 207) and Psalm 78 (pg 572)*

Greeting

Opening Songs: "I Stand Amazed" "Amazing Love" "Open the Eyes of my Heart"

Call to and Prayer of Confession

Song: "My Jesus I Love Thee"

Active Visual: *Ashes*

Words of Assurance

Offering (Budget) Song: "He is Faithful"

Prayer

Bible Reading: Judges 2:1-5, 16-23; 3:1-5 (pg 233-35)

Message: *The Cycle Begins*

Time of Reflective Silence.

Ponder:

-how have you seen the cycle of Judges in your life? In society? In church?

-which gods of our age - wealth, security, comfort, achievement, health - are you tempted to rely on?

-how does the reality of your sin and God's grace affect your relationship to God?

Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Blessing

Please keep these matters in your prayers

-Two stories dominate the news: Protests in support of the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs and the Corona virus scare. May the response to both be shaped by compassion and wisdom. May God's will be done in all spheres of life.

-Classis, the semi-annual meeting of Christian Reformed Churches in our region, meets on Tuesday and Wednesday in Coquitlam. Rosemary Ronalds and Pastor Curtis are our delegates. Pray that God will lead the deliberations.

Lent At-home Faith Formation Tip: Engage in Lent with a Lenten journey calendar similar to an Advent calendar. On a large piece of paper, draw a path with 40 stepping stones on it, and an empty tomb at the end of the path. Since Lent started on Feb. 26, color in all the stepping stones from then until today. Each day, color in another stone and pray together. For help with explaining what Lent means to young children, check out inyurl.com/LentQuestions and tinyurl.com/LentKids

AGM - March 8. The agenda, ministry reports and 2019 financial statements are in your mailboxes. The agenda includes:

- a motion to approve the 2019 financial statements
- oral reports on ministry in our church
- a conversation about our model for giving outside of the AVCRC budget.

Please find extra ballots and descriptions of the agencies in which would like the congregation to help us pick from, on the back table. You can drop them in the collection bag, give them to a deacon or wait until the AGM on March 8 when they will be collected. The vote is for everyone who attends here - one vote per person over the age of 16 please. Your interest in this matter is very important to us and we look forward to your feedback. *Thank You, The Deacons*

The 2019 donation tax receipts have been issued.

Please find them in your church mail slot. If you do not have a church mail slot they will be sent to your address. If you do not receive yours in the next week or so please let one of the Deacons know.

A list of potential charity organizations the AVCRC would like to donate to is also in your mail slot. At the AGM in March, the members will vote on which they would like to support.

Thank you all for your generous donations throughout 2019.

The Deacons: Janay Goode, Pete Bitter, Patty Taekema

Combined Worship Services

The church of Port Alberni has long gathered together through the season of Lent for Sunday evening worship services. This is the schedule for this year; all services begin at 6:00pm. Note that we will host the first service this evening.

Today	@ CRC	Preacher: Mike Watson
March 8	@ Jericho Rd	Preacher: Bruce Greenwood
March 15	@ Community Life	Preacher: Zach Hillman
March 22	@ Southside	Preacher: Michael Ramsey
March 29	@ First Baptist	Preacher: David Zvonar
April 5	@ Gateway	Preacher: Rory Franks

Weekly Schedule

Tonight: 6:00 pm - Youth Bible study

Tuesday and Wednesday Classis BC Northwest meets in Coquitlam

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - Prayer Meeting for children and grandchildren

Wednesday: 10:00 am - Ladies' Bible Study – Everyone welcome!

Thursday: 6:30 pm "Extra" council meeting @Willem's - another in the regularly schedule meetings to seek God's vision for our church.

Next Sunday, March 8: (after the morning worship) - Annual General Meeting

OFFERING SCHEDULE

March 1 – Budget
 March 8 – Budget
 March 15 – Budget
 March 22 – Budget
 March 29 – Special Collection

COUNTER

Pete B
 Elaine V
 Patty T
 Janay G
 Pete B

HELPERS

Rinnie H & Roy K
 Alsie S
 Bert & Pat B; Mitzie C
 Renger D & Margrit D
 John K & Dave R

GREETERS

March 1 Jane D
 March 8 Jane D
 March 15 Bert & Pat B
 March 22 Bert & Pat B
 March 29 Bev & Brian H

NURSERY

Roy K; Kim M
 Pam S; Sarah
 Mitzie C; Carol D; Jessica O
 Eileen D; Pat B; Curtis
 Erin K; Alsie S

COFFEE MAKERS

March 1 John & Erin K
 March 8 Bob & Joan W
 March 15 Roy & Joanne K
 March 22 Johan & Annemarie S
 March 29 Harry & Marjie A

LIBRARIAN

Anita B
 Alice V
 Margrit D
 Bev H
 Joan W

SECURITY

Jake C
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Your support and contributions to “The Coldest Night of the Year” was really appreciated. Our community was able to raise just over \$33,000 in support of ACAWS. Our team contributed \$670.

Thanks again for being a part of the team. Janay

Alberni Elementary School is looking for volunteers to help at the Read and Feed program. It’s just over an hour a week to serve breakfast or read. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Anne Breuker (250-730-5328) or Carol (250-723-3781) or see us at coffee (downstairs, after the worship service.)

Church Camp 2020 ... has been booked for Sunday July 26 (arrival after 1 pm) through Sunday August 2 (depart before 2 pm). This seems early to be talking about camping for next summer, but for those who work they need to get their next year's holidays in soon. Any questions? Please speak with Jacob Colyn.

Is this your first time Worshipping with us?

Welcome! Please join us for Coffee (downstairs) following the Service. We would love to get to know you ☺
**There is an Info Card found in your pew seat. Feel free to fill it out and drop it in the Collection Bag. This will help us to keep in touch with you.

Nursery ... is provided during the Service for your babies and toddlers. Feel free to drop your children off before the Service starts.

Sunday School ... Pastor Curtis will let you know during the **Service** when the children can leave.
**All our Volunteers are genuinely caring; have passed RCMP Background Checks; and, are well known by our Leadership.

AVCRC WELCOMES YOU!

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